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# STRANGER THINGS

## "ERICA'S QUEST"

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# MINECRAFT

## "CHANGES"

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Welcome to FCBD 2020!

Get ready to dive into two adventures for all ages! In *Stranger Things*, the Scoops Troop discover that young Erica Sinclair smuggled out a dangerous object from the Russian facility below Starcourt Mall—they must once more come together to find a safe solution before government authorities discover the threat they pose! Then in the world of *Minecraft*, a young middle-schooler discovers puberty is not what she imagined. With the help of her friend, she learns just how fun being different can be as she explores her new *Minecraft* powers in the real world! If you're looking for more *Minecraft*, check out *Minecraft* Volume 1, *Minecraft: Stories from the Overworld*, and, later this month, look for *Minecraft: Wither Without You*. And, if you need more *Stranger Things* that is suitable for everyone, be sure to pick up *Stranger Things: Zombie Boys*!

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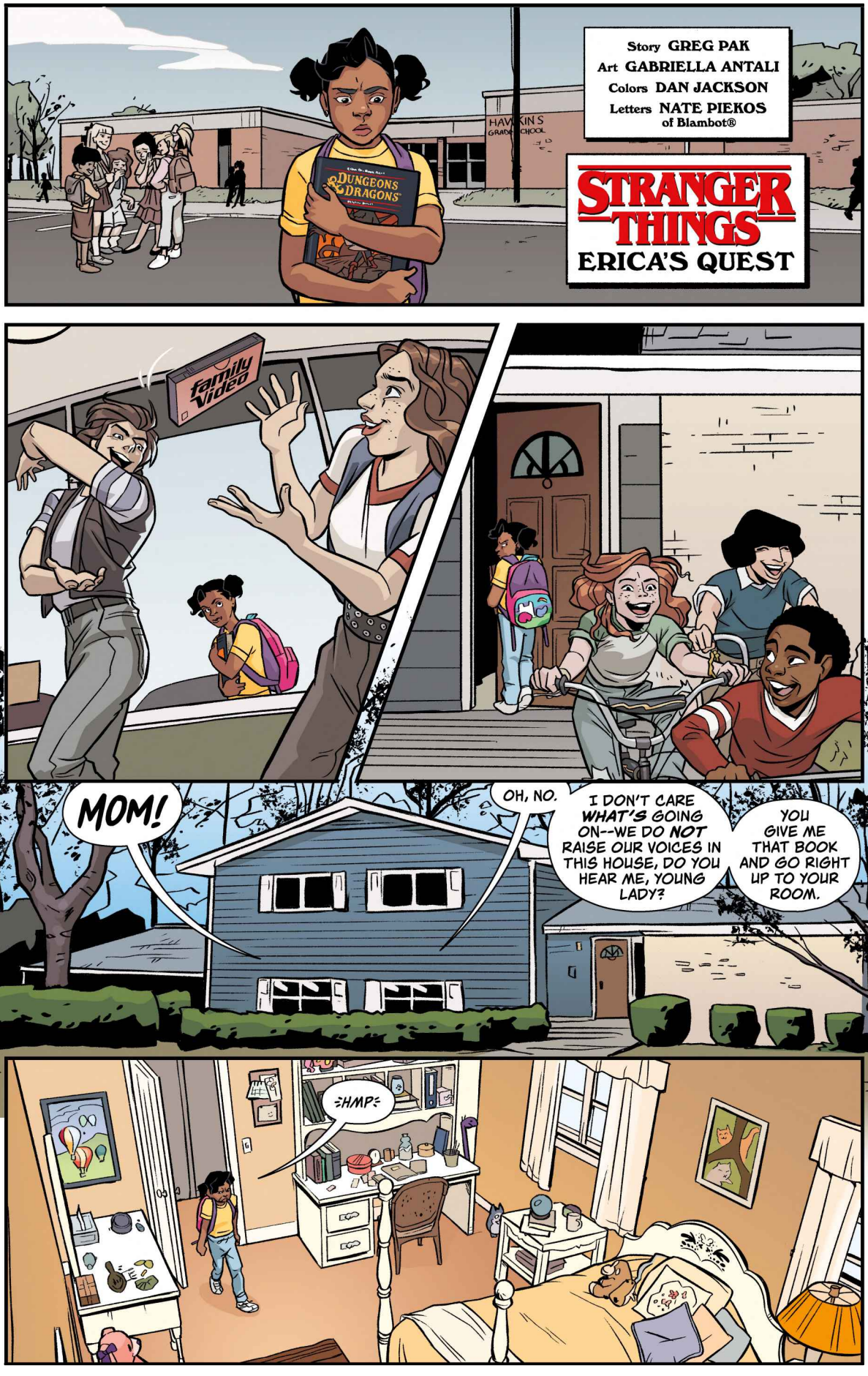
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DUNGEONS & DRAGONS
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MOM!
OH, NO.
I DON'T CARE WHAT'S GOING ON--WE DO NOT RAISE OUR VOICES IN THIS HOUSE, DO YOU HEAR ME, YOUNG LADY?
YOU GIVE ME THAT BOOK AND GO RIGHT UP TO YOUR ROOM.
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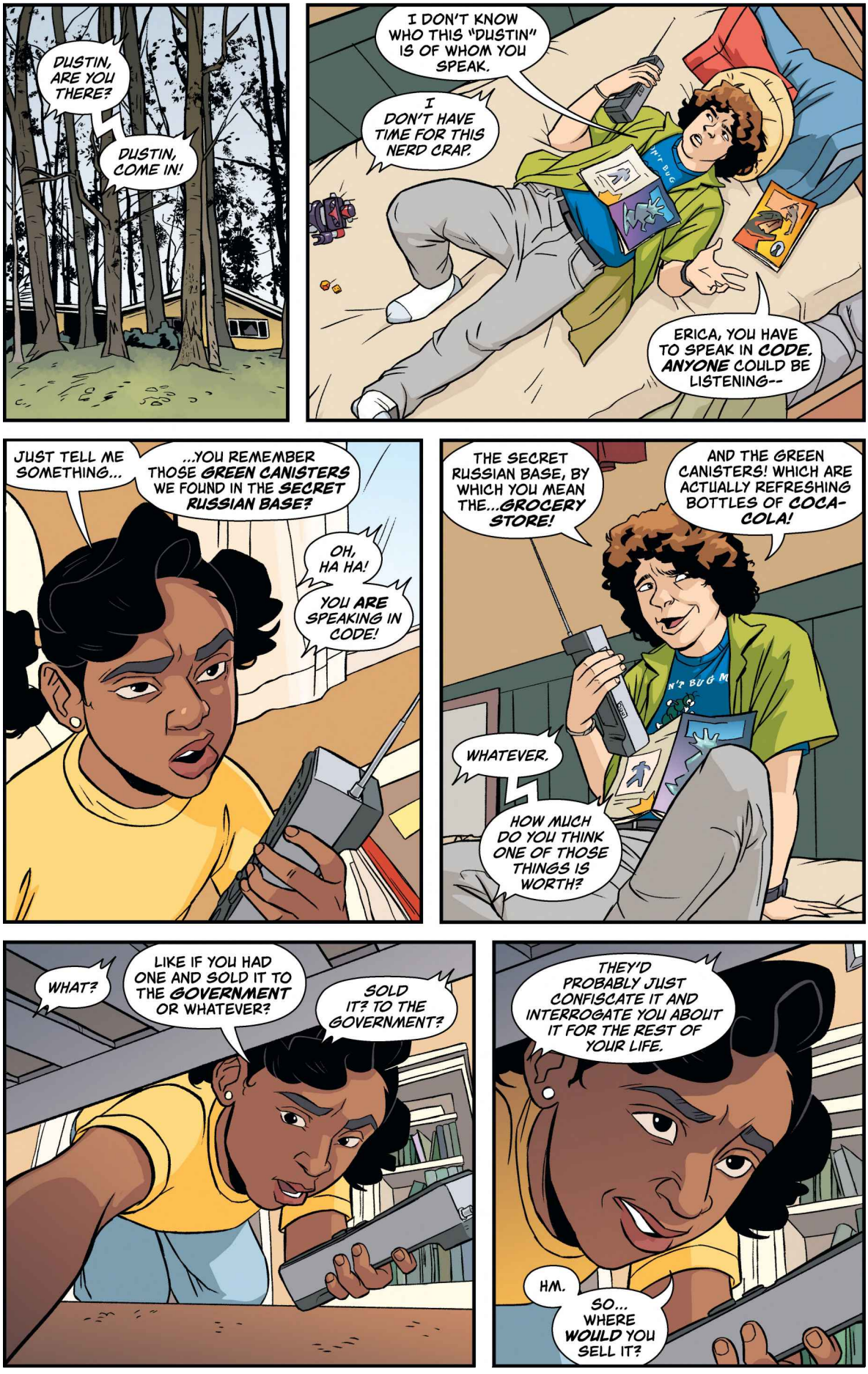
DUSTIN, ARE YOU THERE?
DUSTIN, COME IN!
I DON'T KNOW WHO THIS "DUSTIN" IS OF WHOM YOU SPEAK.
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS NERD CRAP.
ERICA, YOU HAVE TO SPEAK IN CODE. ANYONE COULD BE LISTENING--
JUST TELL ME SOMETHING...
...YOU REMEMBER THOSE GREEN CANISTERS WE FOUND IN THE SECRET RUSSIAN BASE?
OH, HA HA!
YOU ARE SPEAKING IN CODE!
THE SECRET RUSSIAN BASE, BY WHICH YOU MEAN THE...GROCERY STORE!
AND THE GREEN CANISTERS! WHICH ARE ACTUALLY REFRESHING BOTTLES OF COCA-COLA!
WHATEVER.
HOW MUCH DO YOU THINK ONE OF THOSE THINGS IS WORTH?
WHAT?
LIKE IF YOU HAD ONE AND SOLD IT TO THE GOVERNMENT OR WHATEVER?
SOLD IT? TO THE GOVERNMENT?
THEY'D PROBABLY JUST CONFISCATE IT AND INTERROGATE YOU ABOUT IT FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.
HM.
SO... WHERE WOULD YOU SELL IT?

I WOULDN'T SELL IT BECAUSE IT'S AN INCREDIBLY DANGEROUS AND PROBABLY ILLEGAL SOLVENT THAT ATE THROUGH A CONCRETE FLOOR.
WHY ARE YOU EVEN ASKING--
COME ON, NERD. WHAT GOOD'S YOUR NERDINESS IF YOU CAN'T FIGURE THIS ONE OUT?
ALL RIGHT.
I DON'T THINK THERE ARE ANY CHEMICAL COMPANIES IN HAWKINS, BUT I BET THERE ARE DOZENS IN INDIANAPOLIS...
OKAY, GOTTA GO.
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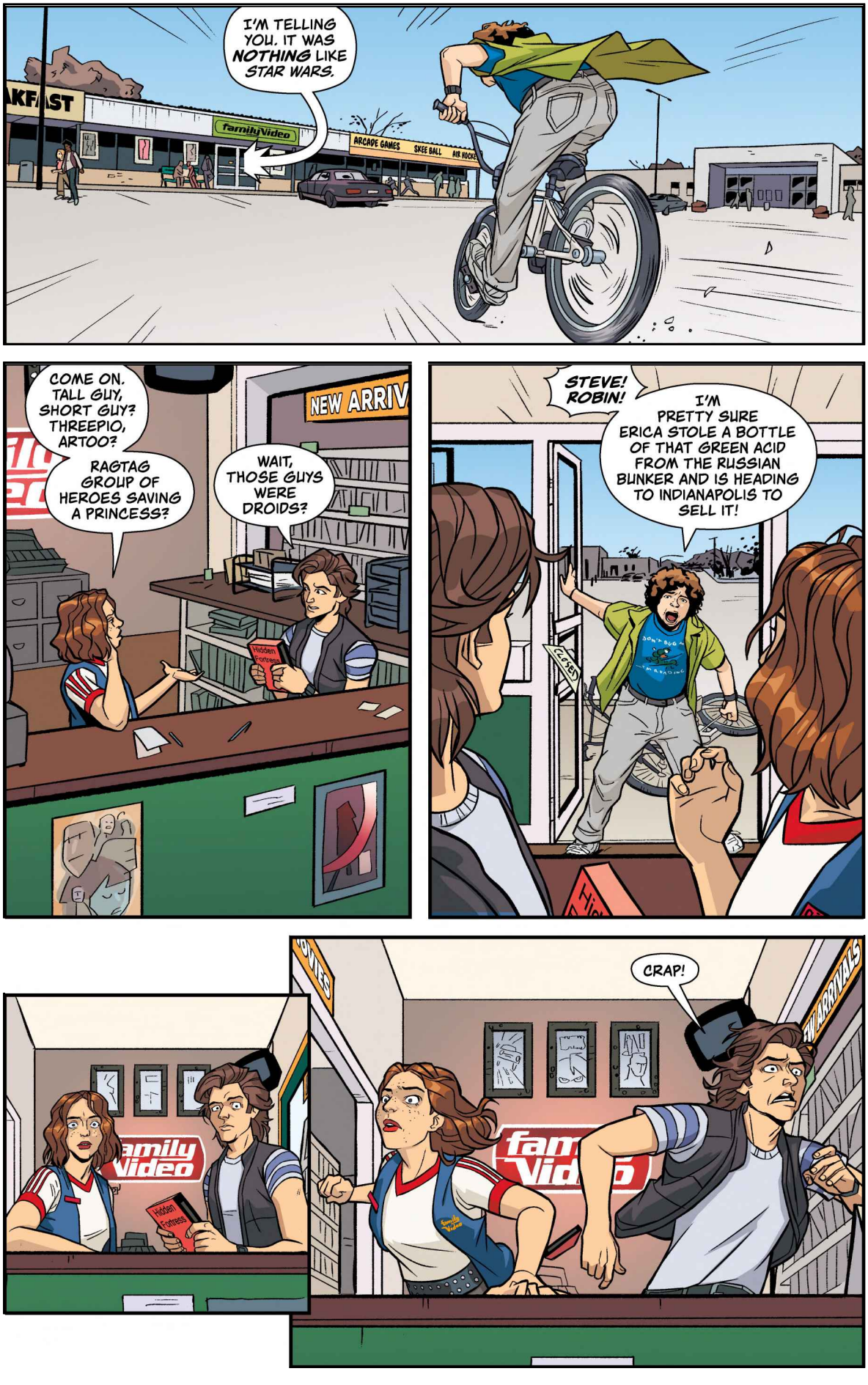
NAH.
...
CRAP!
ERICA?
COME IN, ERICA!


I'M TELLING YOU. IT WAS NOTHING LIKE STAR WARS.
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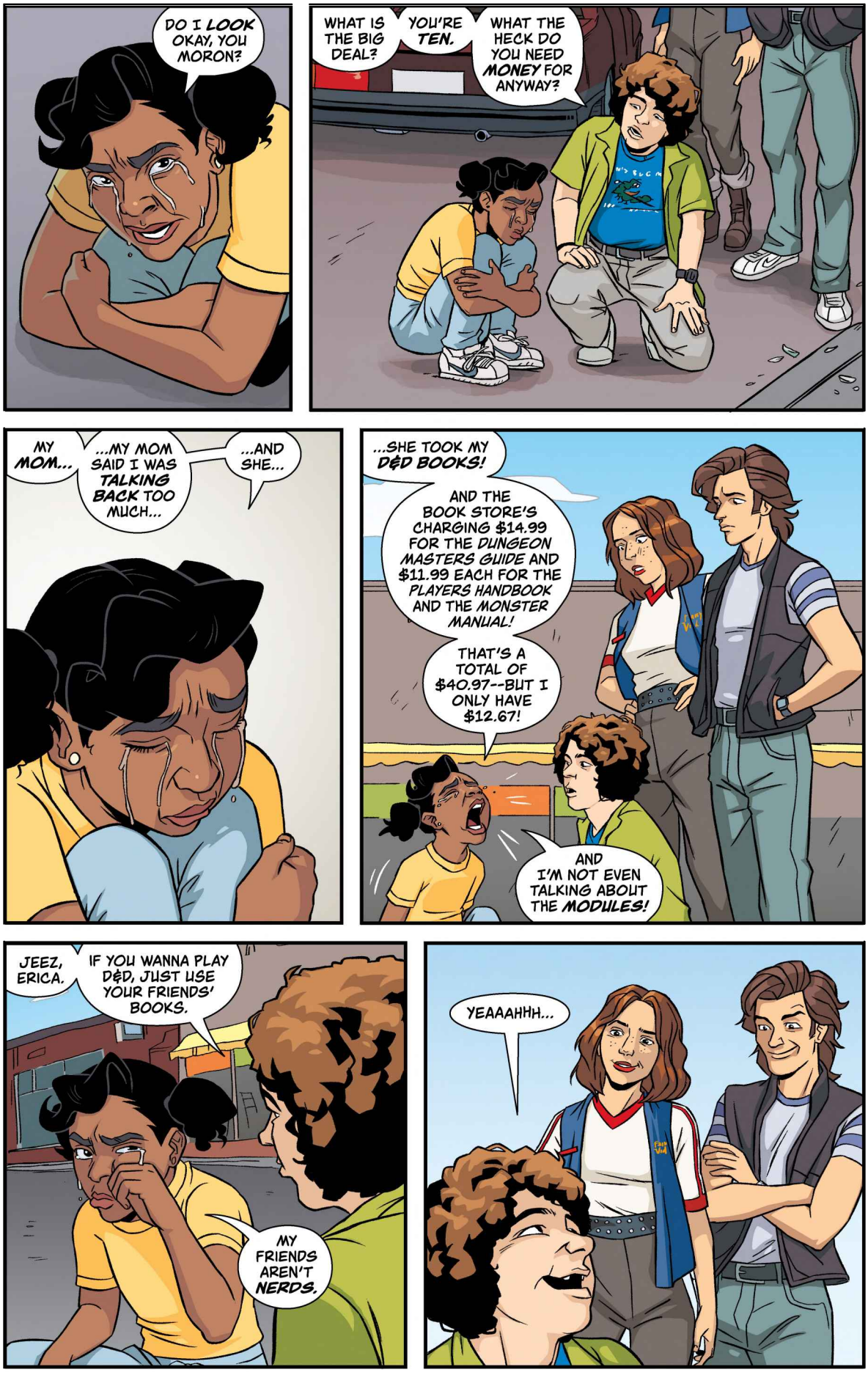
ARCADE GAMES
SKEE BALL
AIR HOCKEY
COME ON. TALL GUY, SHORT GUY? THREEPIO, ARTOO?
RAGTAG GROUP OF HEROES SAVING A PRINCESS?
WAIT, THOSE GUYS WERE DROIDS?
NEW ARRIV
Hidden Fortress
STEVE! ROBIN!
I'M PRETTY SURE ERICA STOLE A BOTTLE OF THAT GREEN ACID FROM THE RUSSIAN BUNKER AND IS HEADING TO INDIANAPOLIS TO SELL IT!
CRAP!
NEW ARRIVALS
Hidden Fortress

Ice-Cream
BUS
EXPRESS
SKREE
HEY!
30s
ERICA! WHAT A COINCIDENCE!
WE WERE JUST DRIVING BY, AND--
GET OUT OF MY WAY.

ERICA. I KNOW WHAT YOU'VE GOT IN THAT BACKPACK.
GIVE IT UP.
FORGET IT. I SALVAGED IT. IT'S MINE.
I'M... NOT SURE THAT'S GONNA HOLD UP IN COURT.
YOU BASICALLY STOLE IT FROM A CRIME SCENE.
LET'S JUST GIVE IT TO DR. OWENS AND PRETEND THIS NEVER--
BACK UP, NOW!
YOU KNOW WHAT THIS STUFF DOES!
WHOA!
ERICA! THIS IS NUTS!
I MEAN, WHAT HELP HAVE YOU ALL BEEN, ANYWAY?
I WAS SUPPOSED TO GET PAID FOR MY SERVICES!
BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING!
YOU WERE GONNA BE PAID...IN ICE CREAM.
AND THE ICE CREAM STORE BURNED DOWN.
I'M AWARE OF THAT, STEVE.
SO I'M MAKING THE BEST OF A BAD SITUATION.
I NEED MONEY, AND I'M GONNA--

nab
HEY!
READING
THERE IT IS!
THAT'S MINE!
WHA--!
SKRAAAK
FSSSSSTTT

WELL...
...I GUESS THAT'S ONE WAY TO GET RID OF THE PROBLEM.
:SOB:
ERICA...
SAVINGS!
ELECTRICS
...ARE YOU...
...OKAY?


DO I LOOK OKAY, YOU MORON?
WHAT IS THE BIG DEAL?
YOU'RE TEN.
WHAT THE HECK DO YOU NEED MONEY FOR ANYWAY?
MY MOM...
...MY MOM SAID I WAS TALKING BACK TOO MUCH...
...AND SHE...
...SHE TOOK MY D&D BOOKS!
AND THE BOOK STORE'S CHARGING $14.99 FOR THE DUNGEON MASTERS GUIDE AND $11.99 EACH FOR THE PLAYERS HANDBOOK AND THE MONSTER MANUAL!
THAT'S A TOTAL OF $40.97--BUT I ONLY HAVE $12.67!
AND I'M NOT EVEN TALKING ABOUT THE MODULES!
JEEZ, ERICA.
IF YOU WANNA PLAY D&D, JUST USE YOUR FRIENDS' BOOKS.
MY FRIENDS AREN'T NERDS.
YEAAAHHH...

"...WHATEVER YOU SAY."
THE END

My mom always told me puberty would bring changes...
What?!
...this was not the kind of change I was expecting.
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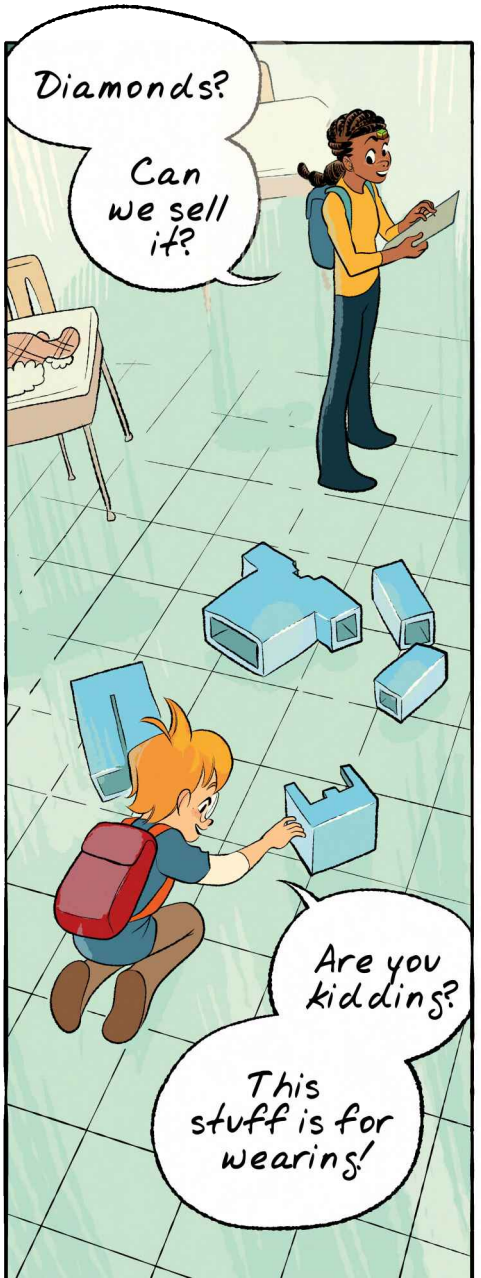
RINNGG!!
Hey, Phillip!
P--
Penny!
Hi!
That's an interesting hat...
Come with me.

...
It's a Minecraft block...
Of course it is!
What's it doing there?
Don't touch it.
I was hoping YOU could tell ME!
You play Minecraft still, don't you?
I mean, yeah.
All the time.
But I've never seen something like this...

Have you noticed any other...
um
...symptoms?
Well, there is this one thing..
DMF
DMF
DMF
DMF
DMF
KER PLOP!
Penny!
You have Minecraft powers!
I know.
Any idea how to make them go away?
What?
Why would you want them to go away?

Because of this, Phillip!
People are going to make fun of me!
Hmf.
You never did like being different, did you, Penny?
...
I think you'll find it's a lot more fun to be different than to be just like everybody else.
Trust me.
Here, let's see what your powers can do.
Can you, like, open an inventory?
Hmm...
VSH!
Whoa.
CRAFTING
Lots of stuff in here.

Heh--
Check out this ugly outfit...
ZMF!
Whoa!
Diamond armor!


Diamonds?
Can we sell it?
Are you kidding?
This stuff is for wearing!

Hmm.

POOF!

Aw, Penny!
Obsidian block?
That's going to take forever to remove!

Hey, what's this?
Um, it's a chicken egg.
Try throwing it.
toss
POOF!
BAWK BAWK BAWK
Cool, huh?
There's a lot of different eggs in here...
toss

BAWK BAWK!
OINK OINK!
NEIGH
MOO!
BAAAAA
Ha ha!
MEOW
OINK OINK
BAWK BAWK
Whoever comes in here next is going to have a heart attack!
Hey--
Sounds like somebody's having some fun.
Admit it!
Maybe a little...
W--
Wait!
Don't throw that!
Mmm?

poof!
PENNY!
BOOM!

beep boop boop beep
Hello? Penny?
Hey-- I guess I respawned?
In my bed?
Phew...
Thank goodness it wasn't Hardcore mode...
Phillip?
Yeah?
That was so fun!
Let's play some more!